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1. In Medgidia, a new cement factory and a machine factory were observed under construction during mid-March 1951. Both buildings were well toward completion although no roof had been placed on either of the buildings. Informants spoke to workers who were employed in the construction of these buildings and thus ascertained that they were being made to produce cement and machines.
2. The cement factory will have eight ovens. According to Liapis, who said he spoke to a certain Engineer Ionescu from Turnu Magurele, this factory will be the largest of its type in Europe. Machinery is expected from the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia.
3. The machine factory is known as the Auto-Cotroceni and allegedly there has been a firm by the same name in Bucharest. The firm made motors of various types, and it is presumed by informant that it will once again produce motors. German technicians will be used. The factory buildings cover an area of one square kilometer. Construction of the buildings started in May 1950; thus far, no installations have been made.
4. On 1 March 1951, the already meager ration of five liters of kerosene for each person in Rumania was reduced to two liters per week. Gasoline is in such short supply that even the official Rumanian Government cars have difficulty in acquiring an adequate amount.

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